



The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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WHAT DO EPISCOPALIANS BELIEVE?

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[Heavy Sigh]. The Long Lent of 2020 continues, as we “shelter in place” to avoid contracting and spreading the Novel Coronavirus. The time when we will be able to join together in physical worship, free of the risk of contagion, still appears to be months away. Vaccination against COVID-19 may happen toward the end of 2020, but probably will not be readily available until 2021. Until then we gather together in ways allowed by the Governor and Bishop, and continue to pray for those who are afflicted with COVID, for those whose lives are reduced by systemic racism, as we pray also for those who are on the front lines in these battles.

While there are many at St. Mary's who have grown up in the Episcopal Church, there are also many (including the Pilgrim Priest), who grew up in other Christian traditions, or in no religious tradition at all. I have been talking with many of you about our respective journeys and have decided to devote my next several Red Door articles to the topic: “The Fundamentals of Anglicanism”. In this first article, I will (briefly) touch on the Foundations of our faith.

Let me start this article with a strong recommendation: EVERY adult Episcopalian should have easy access to two fundamental books: The Holy Bible

and the Book of Common Prayer (1979). If you are missing either or both, I urge you to buy a copy. If you own copies of either or both, make sure that they are readily at hand to read on a regular (Daily) basis.

The Holy Bible is the foundation of our belief in God. In it we learn of the work of God in Creation, in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in our individual lives.

We Episcopalians/Anglicans, understand our salvation, sanctification, ministry, and mission as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. All clergy in the Episcopal Church (Bishops, Priests and Deacons) solemnly declare at our ordination(s) that “I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation” (BCP pgs. 513, 526, 538). In addition, all Episcopalians (lay and ordained) affirm at the renewal of Baptismal Vows that we “will continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.” (BCP pg. 304). While we cannot (at present) participate in the breaking of bread, we can continue to

learn from the apostles’ teaching and fellowship by our reading and study of Holy Scripture (both Old and New Testaments).

We Episcopalians accept the Holy Scriptures as our foundational source for how to believe and act; however, almost every Christian tradition does the same, with differing (sometimes widely differing) outcomes. How do we as Episcopalians interpret the Holy Scriptures in ways that inform our beliefs and activities? Here is where the Book of Common Prayer holds a central role in our lives. As Prof. Leonel Mitchell reminded us in his book “Praying Shapes Believing”, “Worship, religious activity in all of its aspects – what we do and how we do it, as well as what we say and how we say it – underlies religious belief”. (Praying Shapes Believing, pg. 1). Want to know what the Episcopal Church believes? Look in the Prayer Book.

Want to know what the Episcopal Church teaches? Look in the Prayer Book. Want to know how the Episcopal Church carries out her mission and ministry? Look in the Prayer Book.

I’ll have much more to say about both the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer in the coming weeks and months, but for now I invite you to participate in the “Salon” series after Sunday worship on (generally) the first, second, third and fifth Sundays to learn more about the Book of Common Prayer. Currently we are looking at the development of Morning Prayer, after Labor Day we will be focused on the Holy Eucharist. Please feel free to drop in when you can . . . but bring your Book of Common Prayer!

Your brother in Christ,
David+

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Bob Lowell, Sr Warden
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Feel free to contact any Vestry member with questions, concerns, ideas, etc.

Newsletter editor—John Glaze

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 UPDATES ON SERVICES BEING STREAMED.**



2 Aug—Connie Reynolds
 21 Aug—Lorine Harner Tibbetts
 31 Aug—Larry Addington



Senior Warden Report

Here I am again with news for the Red Door. It doesn't seem possible that it can be August, but the temperatures tell us it is! Summer seems to go so fast!

David Bailey, our new supply priest, has been with us conducting Morning Prayer for the last three Sundays. It is good to have him with us. David's schedule is set for three Sundays a month in months that have 4 Sundays and 4 Sundays in months that have 5 Sundays. David has also been hosting an interesting short study directly after the morning service with explanation and history around the Morning Prayer Service. It's always good to understand the why and how of the things we do. Take a few minutes after Morning Prayer to check it out.

Jim Heathcote has graciously agreed to do Morning Prayer on Sundays when David isn't with us. David will be conducting the Wednesday Healing and Praise Service and Sunday Morning Eucharist will resume as soon as the Diocese gives the Ok.

Just a few items to keep everyone up to date. The Church is still collecting sales receipts from Community Market. For more information contact Judy Franklin.

Books are still being sold in Lacy Hall. They cost 25 cents. There's a cup for the money on the shelf. (And where in the world can you get a book these days for 25 cents?!) If you have books you want to recycle bring them to the shelves.

Don't forget to visit our St. Mary's Museum, Library, and gift shop. John Glaze has some great books to lend, interesting historical items, and gifts to purchase. Keep the gift shop in mind when you need a nice gift.

We are still waiting to hear from the

Insurance adjustor regarding the roof repair. Charles Everhart is taking care of that business for us.

I've had some people ask about repairs and upkeep on the organ, so I thought I would give some information about what's happening there. Repair work has been requested and will begin on the Organ when the Company can fit it in its work schedule. The work will cost \$13,000. \$17,000 has been spent for tuning, repairs and a new blower since 2013. There are only 3 pipe organs in Hillsboro at the present time. Contact John Glaze for more information about the repairs.

According to the latest communication from the Diocese, Eucharist will begin sometime in September. Of course, that date is subject to change as conditions do. Please pray for the return of our Eucharistic celebration. It is an integral part of our worship together and we miss the chance each Sunday that we are unable to commemorate Christ's sacrifice and celebrate our redemption.

It's time to be thinking about Vestry Nominations for the coming 3 years. The Vestry believes that written nominations turned in by the 1st of December is a better way to get the best Vestry members. It allows for time for the congregation to consider who might make good candidates. Of course, as always, nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

All Vestry meetings are open and articles for the Red Door are always welcome.

Bob Lowell
 Senior Warden

Regarding the photo to the left—the windows have been replaced with jalousie windows, and, if I am correct, the opening to the left is into the space currently Lacy Hall. The chapel extended to the east end of the building (which was shorter than currently) where the small stained glass window is located over the altar. Some folks will remember better than I, but I believe the current restroom area was added during the rebuild.

How many children can you name?

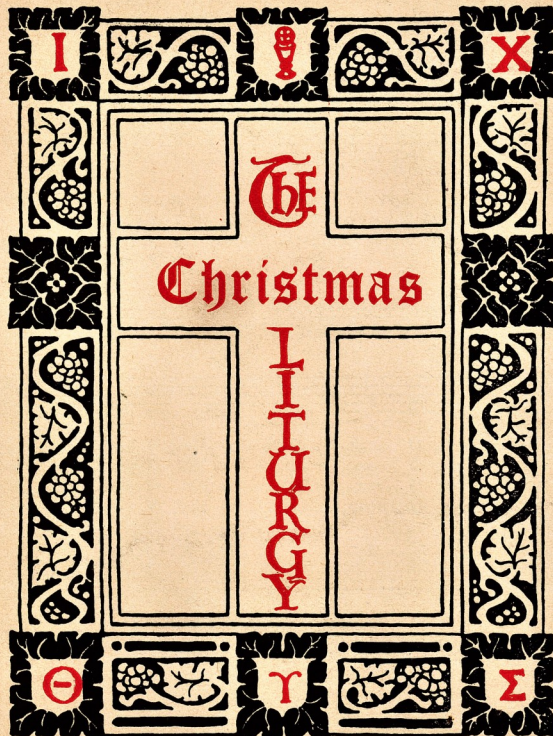


Hillsboro News from 1855

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—The new Episcopal Church, corner of High and North Sts., is just completed, and will be consecrated on next Thursday, with the usual ceremonies, conducted by Bishop McELVAINE. We took occasion to speak of this structure on the completion of the chief part of the exterior, which is of massive limestone, in pure Gothic, and we are more and more impressed with its chaste elegance of style and superior workmanship. The interior is in just keeping with the exterior, and exhibits a design and execution more modest and beautiful than anything of the kind we have ever seen. The windows are filled with the old-time small diamond-shaped glass, made to resemble ground glass, thus cutting off the glare of light and serving the purpose of shades. The chancel window is filled with stained glass, the effect of which we shall not attempt to describe. Such a church is a gem, of which all must feel proud. A rural beauty without a peer, we believe, in Ohio.

THE CONSECRATION of the Episcopal Church, on last Thursday, was largely attended and the ceremonies, which were conducted by BISHOP McELVAIN, most interesting.

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PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE FROM THE PEW

Well, don't get the wrong idea! We are not going to start celebrating Christmas this month! However, we have received this booklet, "The Christmas Liturgy" from Christopher Duckworth. This item, apparently a "stock" inside with personalization on the cover, was furnished by "The Young Churchmen". This is about the sum total of information I could find on short notice, in order to get this in the newsletter. Chris is trying to find further information, however. He lists this item in the 1885-1910 era. Chris is the grandson of Ed Ayres, owner of Ayres Drug Co. Many of you will remember Ed's smiling face in the store. The Ayres Family had a strong connection with St. Mary's for many years. Ed and wife, Elsie, used to host St. Mary's at a big Christmas party at their home every year. Thank-you, Chris!!!

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NEEDS AT SAMARITAN OUTREACH

Rich Davis has contacted Samaritan Outreach to learn of their current needs. Please consider helping us to make a big donation to them! There is a collection box in the foyer of the new building.

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10:00 am

WEDNESDAY
WELL WISHERS—11:00am
HEALING SERVICE & EUCHARIST—12:00n